

SPORTS SECTION

OTTAWA HIGH LOSES TO MARSEILLES FIVE

FIRST ATHLETIC GAME STAGED IN NEW "GYM." FRIDAY AFTER-NOON—WHITNEY'S MEN MAKE GOOD SHOWING.

In their first athletic contest in the new High School on Friday afternoon, Ottawa High was defeated by the Marseilles High School basketball team by a score of 31 to 27. The game was staged in the spacious gymnasium, where a student body of three hundred, from the balcony, watched the contest. The building was admirably arranged and everything went along nicely save the victory of the Marseilles team. Ottawa made a good showing, with only three nights of practice. The game was fought, nip and tuck, all the way thru, at the close of the first half Marseilles led by a margin of two points. Ottawa came back strong in the last half and for a time led by five points.

Osmundson, the tall rangy center of the locals, was the star of the contest. He made 23 out of the 27 points scored by Ottawa. McCurdy and Brundage were the stars for the Marseilles quintet.

In the first half the ball was in the Marseilles territory a great part of the time. McCurdy and Brundage tried for long shots, often from the middle of the floor and were quite successful in their attempts.

The locals seemed lacking on short and snappy passing and Osmundson seemed to be the only man capable of shooting baskets with any degree of accuracy. Failure on the part of several of the players to move around, to divide up the floor space, weakened the team work of the red and white squad.

Second Half.

In the second period of the game the locals went back into the battle with a deal of speed. Osmundson secured the tip off on practically every jump and tossed in eight points before Marseilles had recovered from the attack. Team work in which Brundage and McCurdy took a most prominent part was the most important factor of the scoring of the Marseilles team. Osmundson was the demon scorer for the locals, hanging up thirteen points.

The score follows:

Marseilles—31.	G.	Ft.	Pf.	Tf.
McCurdy, rf.	7	3	1	2
Brundage, lf.	6	0	1	3
Towne, c.	1	0	0	2
Green, rg.	0	0	1	1
Cusick, lg.	0	0	0	0
	14	3	2	8

Ottawa—27.	G.	Ft.	Pf.	Tf.
Fruland, rf.	2	0	0	2
Schmidt, lf.	0	1	2	0
Osmundson, c.	9	5	1	2
Baker, rg.	0	0	1	1
Mathes, lf.	0	0	1	1
Copping, lg.	0	0	0	0
Langan, lg.	0	0	0	2

Referee—Beard.
Umpire—Johnson.

BIG FIVE BOWLERS WIN BY MARGIN OF TEN PINS

The Big Five bowling team avenged the defeat suffered a few weeks ago at the hands of Cardozo's Giants when they defeated them last evening in a closely contested game by a margin of ten pins. Taylor Pyle hung up a record for the season when he bowled 219 in his first game.

The following are the scores:

Big Five Team.	G.	Ft.	Pf.	Tf.
O. Gebhardt	178	171	181	
E. Causland	145	165	150	
T. Pyle	219	179	146	
F. Swerker	162	145	125	
L. Gebhardt	200	187	199	

Totals, 904 847 801-2652

Cardozo's Giants.

C. Moore	185	203	149
S. Sevarus	138	167	169
J. O'Toole	155	180	171
G. Ehrman	152	216	158
O. Tendall	169	152	178

Totals, 799 918 825-2612

"BUFFALO BILL" WAS NOT WEALTHY: \$65,000 ESTATE

Denver, Jan. 13.—The estate of Col. William F. Cody, who died here Wednesday, and which had been estimated several times at over \$1,000,000, today was estimated by Judge W. L. Wall for years Col. Cody's attorney, at not to exceed \$65,000. It consists, in the main, of three ranches near Cody Wyo., and an equity in a hotel in the town.

Constipation Makes You Dull.

That drabby, listless, oppressed feeling generally results from constipation. The intestines are clogged and the blood becomes poisoned. Relieve this condition at once with Dr. King's New Life Pills; this gentle, non-gripping laxative is quickly effective. A dose at bedtime will make you feel bright in the morning. Get a bottle today at your Druggist, 25c.

SCOOP

Friend Scoop:

Hot Sketch.

Speakin' of your one act shows, the other day in one of the restaurants I heard the best little bit of rapid fire stuff ever pulled off outside of a stage. Some fresh guy, who hated himself, came in and tried to kid one of the waitresses. It ran somethin' like this:

F. G.—Has there been a blonde lookin' for me?

W.—Landlady wanting her bill?

F. G.—Not on your life, this bird is rich, she's in love with me and follows me all over.

W.—Better order some fish, its brain food.

F. G.—This bird is nuts about me.

W.—Why don't they send her to some enfeebling resort?

F. G.—But I like pretty girls, like your plan.

W.—And where shall I meet you at 7:30 o'clock?

Intermission.

(F. G. adjusts his tie and gets all fussy.)

F. G. in front of the restaurant.

W.—What's your order?

F. G.—Oh, give me a cup of java and a few sinkers.

Intermission.

F. G. leaves the restaurant strutting out of the beanyery like a guy that owned a million dollars.

W. tells a friendly patron about the lady killer that was tryin' to sell her fish.

I was disguised back of a newspaper listenin' to the beanyery romance. Ya ought to have been there, Scoop.

Rev., "PEP."

FOSTER HAS NEW IDEA FOR DRAFTING PLAYERS

New York, Jan. 13.—John B. Foster is usually a mighty busy individual but Jan. finds time to pass out ideas now and then, and his latest spasm is a new drafting plan.

Foster, let it be known, is not in favor of the plan which Charles E. Ebbets has been trying to put over for the past three years. He says the Ebbets drafting scheme is not fair to the players and that major league clubs would soon tire of it.

The Ebbets plan would permit eight second division clubs of the two big leagues first choice of players every fall. And after the second divisioners had their pick the first division club would be given consideration. If the Ebbets plan was put over, Foster points out that a player with more than the average ability would have to be content to join a second division club, with little or no chance to hook on with a winner. And this would not enhance the opportunities of the player, to say nothing of putting a damper on his enthusiasm for the game as it is played in the big leagues.

A much fairer method, in Foster's estimation, would be to continue to draft on the plan of a lottery, but to change the system slightly so that both first and second division club would have an equal chance to grab the talent.

Foster says each of the sixteen major league clubs should send a representative to the draft meeting, and to begin with the two leagues should decide by lot which should have first choice. In the event it was the National League the names of each of the eight clubs would be tossed in a hat. The first club drawn out would have the first choice of a class AA player. In the event this club did not want to name a player, the second club drawn from the hat would inherit the choice.

After one player had been drafted by the National League the American League clubs would hold their drawing and take the second player. Following this plan the Nationals would take the third player, the American League the fourth and so on down the line. After all the sixteen clubs had been selected, the draft could go on down thru the leagues of lower classification, the teams holding the same position, or numbers, as they were drawn from the hat.

Foster believes this plan would be fair to all, and especially fair to the player. Foster used to do some ball playing himself, and he has a warm spot in his chest for the athlete who wears the spikes and sliding pads.

WEST SIDE STARS HAND SOUTH SIDERS TWO DEFEATS

The west side Stars handed the South Ottawa indoor team two defeats this morning in their games staged at the armory. The west side stars won the first game by a score of 22 to 7 and the second by a count of 21 to 15. Home runs were made by Gutting, Kelly, Vallet and Meckenstock. Belrose, Kelly and Meckenstock furnished the battery for the West Ottawa team.

Found a Sure Thing

J. B. Wilson, Farmers Mills, N. Y., has used Chamberlain's Tablets for years for disorders of the stomach and liver and says, "Chamberlain's Tablets are the best I have ever used."

FRIENDS FRAME "REEL" JOKE ON TOM M'MAHON

The New Castle News tells the following joke that was played on Tom McMahon, the Spring Valley heavy-weight:

"Tom McMahon, well known as a popular boxer, suddenly decided to play host at a supper at the Leslie hotel to a crowd of some 40 or 50 of his friends last night. McMahon had just arrived from a tour of Australia and had no intention of staging a big banquet in honor of his return, until a strange turn of events occurred.

"The banquet was the conclusion of the program that was framed up on the unsuspecting boxer by some of his 'friends' in this city. The way they greeted McMahon on his return was to send Constable James Ellison for him and summon him into the court of Alderman Hart. Several charges were trumped up, and McMahon 'pinched'.

George Chip put up a \$5,000 bond so that McMahon could 'get out' until evening, when the hour for a hearing was designated.

"Jimmie Dime, Chip and numerous other friends of McMahon were present as spectators, and interested in the fate of McMahon, when the hearing was called. Attorney Edwin K. Logan was the prosecuting attorney and Attorney Sam Clark defended McMahon.

"A real hearing was staged, every body keeping a sober face until some two hours of cross-examination, etc., had been indulged in and then McMahon was tipped off that the joke was on him and the whole stunt had been a frame-up on the part of a few friends.

"After everybody had a good laugh Tom decided that he had been the fall guy and invited all who had been in the fun to accompany him to the Leslie hotel and have a feed."

CHANGE DATE OF JOLIET BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Dates for the Northeastern Illinois basketball tournament have been changed from March 1 to February 22 and 24. The change was announced the other day by high school officials and will be welcomed all over the circuit.

It was announced that the change in dates was made in order that they would not be too big a break in training between the final conference game and the tournament. The northeastern tournament contests will be staged at the Central gymnasium and more than ten teams are expected to be entered in the game.

Four Counties Assigned.

The following counties have been assigned to the Joliet district: Will, Grundy, La Salle and Putnam. Morris looks to be the best team in the tournament so far, but New Trier and La Salle are bound to make a showing while Joliet is going to fight hard to retain honors won last season.

"RED" WILLIAM, HENRY BALL PLAYER IS STAR POLOIST

All Chicago was filled with newspaper and posters advertising the roller hockey—a new game in the west, although it had been played in the east for many years—between a Chicago all-star aggregation, managed by "Paddy" Harmon, that well known sport enthusiast of the Windy City, he having lately added polo to his long string of sport attractions and the Racine, Wis., team, perhaps the best in the west, and promising as the chief attraction "Mysterious" Brannigan, the dark horse from the east, whom Harmon had under cover. But as it turned out, the mysterious one was none other than "Red" Williams, of Henry baseball fame. Anyway, "Red," we are proud to say, was the whole show. The Chicago All-Stars trouncing Racine 5 to 2, with "Red" acting as the chief functionary "shooting" two goals, and being responsible for two more.

DECIDED DATES FOR STATE SHOOT HELD AT STREATOR

Streator, Ill., Jan. 13.—At a meeting of the officers and directors of the Illinois Sportsmen's association, which was held in this city yesterday afternoon and last evening, it was decided to hold the state shoot in this city May 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25, inclusive. The Streator Commercial Club will present a valuable living cup for high average during the entire tournament which will be competed for at succeeding tournaments of this nature. President Ray Loring, of Marseilles presided over the meeting last evening and a very good attendance was present.

The program and further details of the big state shoot which will be here, will be ready for publication next week, as the directors are busy making further arrangements.

Mother Is Critical.

Mother doesn't think much more of daughter's chum than she does of pa's friends.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

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DU PONT PLANT IS WRECKED; 20 DEAD

INCENDIARY BELIEVED TO HAVE APPLIED TORCH TO KINGSLAND INDUSTRY—LOSS IS \$16,000,000.

New York, Jan. 13.—A score of lives were lost when two of the powder magazines of the Du Pont Powder Co. at Haskell, N. J., blew up at 9:30 o'clock last night, and coupled with this comes a statement from officials of the Canadian Car and Foundry Co. that the fire and explosion at their plant in Kingsland, N. J., yesterday causing a loss of \$16,000,000, probably were incendiary.

The explosions at Haskell last night were of terrific force, and were left for many miles in all directions. The detonations were followed almost immediately by a fire, which could be seen as far away as Yonkers and at distant points in New Jersey.

The Haskell plant covers several acres and is one of the company's largest.

Think Fire Incendiary.

A statement that the fire and explosions which wrecked the plant at Kingsland were "possibly if not probably incendiary origin" was issued here late yesterday afternoon by the officials of the Canadian company.

The total loss, it was stated, was \$16,000,000. Of this total \$10,000,000 consists of shells and explosives owned by the Russian government. The rest was in destroyed property of the Canadian Car and Foundry Co. of which half was covered by insurance.

Until investigation is completed no further statement will be made as to what evidences of incendiarism have been found, it was said by an officer of the company.

Reduce Dinner to Minimum.

It was explained that the danger of fire or of explosion from purely accidental causes was reduced to a

minimum by the fact that no complete ordnance was on hand at the plant. The statement after telling of contracts to supply 5,000,000 rounds of ammunition to the Russian government, says:

"The two contracts were practically completed, a large quantity of shells had been delivered in storage at Kingsland to the representatives of the Russian government, and the balance of the shells were being assembled and packed yesterday when a fire took place in one of the large buildings used for cleaning shells.

"The buildings destroyed were valued at \$750,000. The value of the contents of the buildings destroyed amounted approximately to \$16,000,000, of which \$5,000,000 belonged to the company.

HOME INSURANCE COMPANY SUFFERED ONLY ONE LOSS

The directors of the Grand Rapids, Brookfield and Fall River Home Insurance Co. held their annual meeting at the Woodmen Hall in Marseilles on Tuesday, Jan. 9th. The company has sustained only one heavy loss during the past year. At the election of officers for the coming year the following officers were re-elected:

President—Fremont Carr.

Vice President—J. W. Wakey.

Treasurer—H. B. Nagle.

D. D. Center, who has been the faithful, efficient secretary of the company for twenty-four years, refused to serve in that capacity any longer. It was with sincere regret that the directors were obliged to part with his official services. He was given a rising vote of thanks for past services. His yoke was placed upon E. F. Moss, to whom the work will be new.

Robt. A. Peterson, of Grand Rapids, was the only stockholder present aside from the directors. His presence was appreciated by the officers who would be glad to see more of the members show a little more interest in what they are trying to do.

Soldier Feared Seasickness.

Gen. John C. Fremont, at the close of one of his most important trips to California, is said to have traveled home overland through an extremely dangerous and Indian-infested tract of country because he feared seasickness if he went by the Isthmus of Panama.

FARMERS TO HELP SHAPE NEW LAWS

ILLINOIS MEN WILL EMULATE NORTH DAKOTA LEAGUE BY FORCING LEGISLATION THRU SPRINGFIELD.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 13.—Spurred by the success of the Farmers' Non-Partisan league of North Dakota, which has complete control of the state government, farmers from fifty Illinois counties will meet in Springfield Monday and frame a legislative program. Other counties besides the fifty already heard from also may be represented. Officers of many state and national organizations will be here and the attendance is expected to be at least 500.

The farmers will spend two days in discussing various problems having to do with farm life and a legislative committee will then be named to remain in Springfield and look after rural interests.

Among the legislation to be discussed will be the following:

Sanitary live stock provisions to decrease the losses from communicable diseases.

Laws controlling the marketing of live stock.

Consolidation of agricultural and live stock boards and commissions.

Good roads legislation.

Elevator and freight rate regulation.

Rural credits.

The meeting will be presided over by John G. Imboden, of Decatur, president of the state live stock association of Illinois, until officers are elected. S. E. Prather, of Springfield, secretary of the Sangamon County Farmers' association, will state the object of the meeting and discussions on various proposed legislation will be led by Charles A. Lowery, secretary of the state live stock commission. H. W. Danforth, Washington, president of the Illinois agricultural association; W. S. Corsa, White Hall;

Wayne, Dismore, Chicago secretary of the Percheron Society of America; Frank W. Harding, Chicago, manager American Short Horn Breeders' association; P. S. Hauer, Taylorville, former president of the live stock board; J. E. Hood, Quincy; Carl Marshall, Havana; Col. J. D. Waters, Dawson; Charles Adkins, Bement; J. D. C. Lutz, Menmouth; J. P. Doyle, Mt. Vernon, secretary of the Farmers' Union, and Len Small, of Kankakee, state treasurer.

Gov. Frank O. Lowden today accepted an invitation to discuss his consolidation plan before the convention on Monday. The plan would bring all of the various agricultural boards and commissions into one general department and the governor is anxious to have the support of the farmers in this effort to increase efficiency.

Observing Mammy.

A few months after I had been married an old colored woman living in the neighborhood said to me: "Say, honey, befo' yo' was married I noticed Mistah Green was always hangin' on yo' ahm, but now I see yo' does the hangin' on his arm."—Chicago Tribune.

TO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

FOR RENT—Or will sell for \$7.00; \$2.00 cash, balance same as rent, a house on north side. Sonntag, 1941 N. Columbus street.

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FOR SALE—A Majestic steel range, practically as good as new. Can be seen at 404 Cornell street. M. J. Flanagan.

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Is the War Approaching a Climax?

When the ten Allies slammed, if they did not lock, the door of diplomacy, in the face of the Central Powers' request for a peace conference, what did the act portend for Europe, for Canada, and for the United States?

In THE LITERARY DIGEST, dated January 13th, there is a most comprehensive review of the peace negotiations from all angles.

The first impression of the German press, as gathered from Berlin dispatches, is that the Entente's reply could only be answered by the sword. "Let Hindenburg answer," exclaims the Berlin *Lokal Anzeiger*. Other German and Austrian editors are confident of victory and equally energetic in citing their opinions.

Press comment in the Entente nations endorses the rejection of Germany's proposals, and expresses confidence in ultimate victory for the Entente Allies.

The London *Morning Post* quotes its Budapest correspondent's statement that peace proposals of the Central Powers are prompted by "the knowledge that relief must come within six months from the present time at the outside, if internal troubles of the most serious character are to be avoided," since "in Austria-Hungary the available stocks of food will not last even for six months."

Read THE LITERARY DIGEST this week by all means, if you would get a true perspective of the peace negotiations up to date.

Other articles of great public interest in this number are:—

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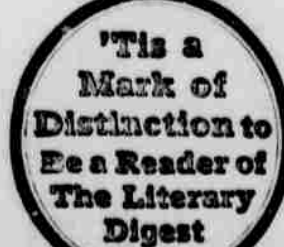
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A great war such as that now decimating Europe tends to push men very far apart. The ideals and ideas for which each group is striving become necessarily more and more emphasized as time goes on, which tends inevitably to foster in each faction a point of view so alien to that of the other that it is almost impossible for its adherents to form a fair

estimate of what their opponents think or do. How then shall we of the West arrive at an impartial judgment as to the positions and aims of the various combatants? The answer: Read THE LITERARY DIGEST, which gives without bias the views of both sides. This is the one perfect solution of the difficulty. Better begin reading it to-day.

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